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II. ANNOTATIONS 1/

Item 1. Adoption of the agenda and other organizational matters

1. At its organizational session for 1990, the Council approved the provisional agenda for its first regular session of 1990 (decision 1990/201, para. 1). In accordance with rule 12 of the rules of procedure, should any proposals be submitted for the inclusion of supplementary items in the agenda, they will be circulated as soon as they are received, and a supplementary list of items will be issued as an addendum to the present document.

2. Also at its organizational session for 1990, the Council agreed on the following allocation of items: items 1, 2, 7 and 8 would be considered in plenary meeting; and items 3 to 6 would be considered by the Second (Social) Committee (decision 1990/201, para. 2).

3. Attention is drawn to Council resolution 1989/114, section II, relating to documentation, whereby the Council decided that the President of the Council and other members of the Bureau should continually monitor, with the assistance of the Secretariat, the status of the preparation of documentation, taking into account relevant decisions on documentation, and should propose appropriate measures to the Council, after having held informal meetings to be convened at least eight weeks before each session of the Council, bearing in mind the need to adhere to rule 13 of the rules of procedure of the Council and other relevant rules and regulations.

4. The Council agreed to consider under this item the questions set out below:

(a) Letter dated 2 February 1990 from the Chairman of the Committee on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights addressed to the President of the Council (E/1990/23, annex). At its 4th plenary meeting, on 9 February 1990 (E/1990/SR.4), the Council agreed to consider at the commencement of its first regular session the recommendation made by the Committee on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights to the effect that the Council consider the possibility of inviting the Rapporteur of the Committee to attend the meetings of the first regular session of the Council at which the review of the composition, organization and administrative arrangements of the Committee on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights would be undertaken (see also the annotations to item 3, para. 17).

(b) Emergency assistance to Somalia. At its forty-fourth session, the General Assembly, inter alia, requested the Secretary-General to continue to co-ordinate the efforts of the United Nations system to help Somalia in its emergency and rehabilitation programme; to apprise the Council at its first regular session of 1990 of his efforts and to report to the Assembly at its forty-fifth session on the implementation of the resolution (resolution 44/178). The Council will hear an oral report on the subject.

1/ More detailed information is contained in the proposed basic programme of work of the Council (E/1990/1).

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Documentation

Note by the Secretariat on the state of preparedness of documentation for the first regular session of 1990

Item 2. Implementation of the Programme of Action for the Second Decade to Combat Racism and Racial Discrimination

5. The Council will consider the report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of the Programme of Action for the Second Decade to Combat Racism and Racial Discrimination, including an analysis of the replies received from Governments on action taken under the Programme of Action, with a view to submitting to the General Assembly the Council's report as requested in paragraph 11 of Assembly resolution 39/16.

Background

6. At its thirty-eighth session, the General Assembly proclaimed the 10-year period beginning on 10 December 1983 the Second Decade to Combat Racism and Racial Discrimination; approved the Programme of Action for the Second Decade annexed to the resolution and called upon all States to co-operate in its implementation; and requested the Council to take charge, with the help of the Secretary-General, of co-ordinating the implementation of the Programme of Action and of evaluating the activities undertaken during the Second Decade (resolution 38/14).

7. At its thirty-ninth session, the General Assembly decided upon specific action to be carried out during the period 1985-1989; requested Governments to forward a report every two years on the action taken under the Programme of Action, on the basis of a questionnaire circulated by the Secretary-General, which reports would be transmitted to the Council for its consideration; requested the Council, during the period of the Decade, to submit an annual report to the Assembly, containing: (a) an enumeration of the activities undertaken or contemplated to achieve the objectives of the Decade, including the activities of Governments, United Nations bodies, the specialized agencies and other international and regional organizations, as well as non-governmental organizations, (b) a review and appraisal of those activities and (c) its suggestions and recommendations (resolution 39/16). At its forty-second session, the General Assembly approved the plan of activities for the period 1990-1993 (resolution 42/47).

8. At its forty-fourth session, the General Assembly, inter alia, invited the Secretary-General to implement immediately those activities for the period 1985-1989 not yet carried out and to proceed with the implementation of the activities scheduled for the biennium 1990-1991; affirmed once again the need for the implementation of the plan of activities proposed for the period 1990-1993 contained in the annex to General Assembly resolution 42/47; requested the Secretary-General to continue to accord the highest priority, in executing the plan of activities, to measures for combating apartheid; and invited all Governments, United Nations bodies, the specialized agencies and other intergovernmental organizations, as well as interested non-governmental organizations in consultative status with the Economic and Social Council, to participate fully in the

implementation of the plans of activities for the period 1985-1989 and 1990-1993 by intensifying and broadening their efforts to bring about the speedy elimination of apartheid and all forms of racism and racial discrimination (resolution 44/52).

Documentation

Report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of the Programme of Action for the Second Decade to Combat Racism and Racial Discrimination (E/1990/20)

Item 3. Human rights questions

9. The Council will consider the general comments adopted by the Human Rights Committee and the report of the Committee on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights on its fourth session.

10. Pursuant to Council decision 1989/158, the Council will have before it the provisional rules of procedure adopted by the Committee on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights at its third session. In accordance with Council resolution 1985/17, the Council is to review the composition, organization and administrative arrangements of the Committee on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights.

11. The Council will consider the report of the Commission on Human Rights on its forty-sixth session (Geneva, 29 January-9 March 1990) and take action on the recommendations contained therein.

12. Pursuant to Assembly resolution 44/167, the Council will consider the question of the enlargement of the Commission on Human Rights.

13. The Council will have before it the reports of the Secretary-General on measures to be taken against Nazi, Fascist and n o-Fascist activities and all other forms of totalitarian ideologies and practices based on apartheid, racial discrimination and racism and the systematic denial of human rights and fundamental freedoms; on regional arrangements for the promotion and protection of human rights in the Asian and Pacific region; and on the suppression of traffic in persons. It will also have before it the report of the Ad Hoc Working Group of Experts on Southern Africa of the Commission on Human Rights on the situation in South Africa with regard to the allegations regarding infringements of trade union rights in South Africa.

14. Under this item, the Council decided to consider the letter dated 22 December 1989 from the Secretary-General to the President of the Economic and Social Council (E/1990/15 and Add.1) transmitting the advisory opinion delivered by the International Court of Justice on the applicability of article VI, section 22, of the Convention on the Privileges and Immunities of the United Nations (decision 1990/201, para. 6).

Background

15. International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights. The International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights (General Assembly resolution 2200 A (XXI), annex) entered into force on 23 March 1976. In accordance with article 45 of the Covenant, the Human Rights Committee reports annually on its activities to the General Assembly through the Economic and Social Council. In 1990, the Human Rights Committee held its thirty-seventh session at Geneva from 23 October to 10 November 1989, its thirty-eighth session at Headquarters from 19 March to 6 April, and will hold its thirty-ninth session at Geneva from 9 to 27 July and its fortieth session at Geneva from 22 October to 9 November.

16. International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights. The Committee on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights, entrusted by the Council, as from 1987, with overseeing the implementation of the International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights (Council resolution 1985/17), will report on its fourth session, to be held at Geneva from 15 January to 2 February 1990. It will be recalled that the International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights (General Assembly resolution 2200 A (XXI), annex) entered into force on 3 January 1976. Under article 16 of the Covenant, States parties to the Covenant undertake to submit to the Secretary-General reports on the measures which they have adopted and on the progress made in achieving the observance of the rights recognized in the Covenant.

17. At its first regular session of 1985, the Council decided that the Working Group established by Council decision 1978/10 and modified by Council decision 1981/158 and resolution 1982/33 should be renamed "Committee on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights"; that the Committee should have 18 members who should be experts with recognized competence in the field of human rights, serving in their personal capacity, due consideration being given to equitable geographical distribution and to the representation of different forms of social and legal systems; that the Committee should meet annually for a period of up to three weeks, taking into account the number of reports to be examined; and that it should submit to the Council a report on its activities and make suggestions and recommendations of a general nature on the basis of its consideration of reports submitted by States parties to the Covenant and by the specialized agencies, in order to assist the Council to fulfil, in particular, its responsibilities under articles 21 and 22 of the Covenant; the Council also decided to review the composition, organization and administrative arrangements of the Committee at its first regular session of 1990, and subsequently every five years, taking into account the principle of equitable geographical distribution of its membership (resolution 1985/17).

18. At its first regular session of 1989, the Council took note of the provisional rules of procedure adopted by the Committee on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights at its third session (E/1989/22, annex IV) and decided to defer until its first regular session of 1990 consideration of those rules and, in the interim, requested the Committee to continue to use the rules of procedure of the Economic and Social Council (E/5715/Rev.1) (decision 1989/158).

19. Commission on Human Rights. The report of the Commission is expected to include its response to the following resolutions adopted by the General Assembly at its forty-third and forty-fourth sessions:

(a) Resolution 43/92, in which the Assembly, inter alia, decided to consider at its forty-fifth session, as a matter of high priority, the item entitled "Adverse consequences for the enjoyment of human rights of political, military, economic and other forms of assistance given to the racist and colonialist régime of South Africa", in the light of any recommendations which the Sub-Commission on Prevention of Discrimination and Protection of Minorities, the Commission on Human Rights, the Economic and Social Council and the Special Committee against Apartheid may wish to submit to it;

(b) Resolution 44/62 on the right to development, in which the Assembly, inter alia, called upon the Commission to decide at its forty-sixth session on the future course of action on the question, in particular on practical measures for the implementation and enhancement of the Declaration on the Right to Development; and invited the Commission to report on the question to the Assembly at its forty-fifth session, through the Council;

(c) Resolution 44/131, in which the Assembly requested the Commission to continue its consideration of measures to implement the Declaration on the Elimination of All Forms of Intolerance and of Discrimination Based on Religion or Belief and to report, through the Council, to the Assembly at its forty-fifth session;

(d) Resolution 44/132 on Guidelines for the regulation of computerized personal data files, in which the Assembly, inter alia, invited the Special Rapporteur of the Sub-Commission on Prevention of Discrimination and Protection of Minorities to submit to the Commission on Human Rights at its next session a revised version of the draft guidelines and requested the Commission to examine them and, once they had been examined and modified if necessary, to transmit them, through the Council, to the Assembly at its forty-fifth session for final adoption;

(e) Resolution 44/134 on Human rights and scientific and technological developments, in which the Assembly, inter alia, welcomed the establishment of the open-ended Working Group of the Commission on Human Rights and urged that Group to examine the draft principles and guarantees expeditiously and requested the Commission to consider the subject at its forty-sixth session, in the light of the open-ended Working Group's deliberations and recommendations, with a view to submitting the draft principles and guarantees, through the Council, to the Assembly at its forty-fifth session;

(f) Resolution 44/146, in which the Assembly called upon the Commission, at its forty-sixth session, to continue its consideration of appropriate ways and means of enhancing the effectiveness of the principle of periodic and genuine elections in the context of full respect for the sovereignty of Member States and to report to the Assembly at its forty-fifth session, through the Council;

(g) Resolution 44/147 on respect for the principles of national sovereignty and non-interference in the internal affairs of States in their electoral processes, in which, inter alia, the Assembly called upon the Commission, at its forty-sixth session, to give priority to the review of the fundamental factors that negatively affect the observance of the principle of national sovereignty and non-interference in the internal affairs of States in their electoral processes, and to report to the Assembly at its forty-fifth session, through the Council;

(h) Resolution 44/161, in which the Assembly decided to keep under consideration, during its forty-fifth session, the situation of human rights in Afghanistan in order to examine it anew in the light of additional elements provided by the Commission and the Council;

(i) Resolution 44/163, in which the Assembly decided to continue its examination of the situation of human rights in the Islamic Republic of Iran during its forty-fifth session in the light of additional elements provided by the Commission and the Council;

(j) Resolution 44/165, in which the Assembly decided to keep under consideration, during its forty-fifth session, the situation of human rights and fundamental freedoms in El Salvador in order to re-examine this situation in the light of the information provided by the Commission and the Council;

(k) Resolution 44/167 entitled "Enlargement of the Commission on Human Rights and the further promotion of human rights and fundamental freedoms", in which the Assembly, inter alia, requested the Commission to examine ways and means of making its work more effective and to submit its recommendations thereon to the Council.

20. At its forty-third session, in connection with regional arrangements for the promotion and protection of human rights in the Asian and Pacific region, the General Assembly, in resolution 43/140, inter alia, took note of the report of the Secretary-General on the question (A/43/170-E/1988/25) and requested the Secretary-General to submit a further report to the General Assembly at its forty-fifth session, through the Economic and Social Council, incorporating information on progress achieved in the implementation of resolution 43/140.

21. Also at its forty-third session, in connection with measures to be taken against Nazi, Fascist and neo-Fascist activities and all other forms of totalitarian ideologies and practices based on apartheid, racial discrimination and racism, and the systematic denial of human rights and fundamental freedoms, the General Assembly, inter alia, requested the Secretary-General to submit a report, through the Economic and Social Council, to the Assembly at its forty-fifth session in the light of the discussion that would take place in the Commission on Human Rights and on the basis of comments provided by States and international organizations (resolution 43/150).

22. At its forty-fourth session, the Assembly adopted a resolution entitled "Enlargement of the Commission on Human Rights and the further promotion of human rights and fundamental freedoms", in which it decided to recommend that the Council take the necessary steps, at its first regular session of 1990, to expand the

membership of the Commission, on the basis of the principle of equitable geographical distribution, for the further promotion of human rights and fundamental freedoms; called upon the Council to conclude deliberations on this question with urgency; and requested the Commission to examine ways and means of making its work more effective and to submit its recommendations thereon to the Council.

23. Suppression of traffic in persons. At its first regular session of 1989, the Council endorsed the request made by the Commission on Human Rights in its resolution 1988/42 that the Secretary-General report to the Economic and Social Council on the steps taken by Member States, United Nations organizations and other intergovernmental organizations to implement the recommendations made in Council resolution 1983/30 and the request made by the Commission in its resolution 1989/35 that the Secretary-General report to the Council at its first regular session of 1990 on the comments received, and endorsed the request made by the Commission that the Secretary-General designate the Centre for Human Rights as the focal point for the co-ordination of activities in the United Nations for the suppression of contemporary forms of slavery (resolution 1989/74).

24. Allegations regarding infringements of trade union rights in South Africa. At its first regular session of 1989, the Council requested the Ad Hoc Working Group of Experts on Southern Africa of the Commission on Human Rights to continue to study the situation and to report thereon to the Commission and the Council, and decided to consider the question at its first regular session of 1990 as a sub-item of the item entitled "Human rights" (resolution 1989/82).

25. At its forty-fourth session, in connection with measures to improve the situation and ensure the human rights and dignity of all migrant workers, the General Assembly invited the Secretary-General to transmit the two most recent reports of the Working Group on the Drafting of an International Convention on the Protection of the Rights of all Migrant Workers and Their Families to the competent organs of the United Nations and to the international organizations concerned, for their information, so as to enable them to continue their co-operation with the Working Group (resolution 44/155). The reports of the Working Group (A/C.3/44/1 and A/C.3/44/4) will accordingly be made available to the Council.

Documentation

Note by the Secretariat transmitting the general comments of the Human Rights Committee (E/1990/44)

Report of the Committee on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights on its fourth session (E/1990/23)

Provisional rules of procedure of the Committee on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights (E/1989/22, annex IV)

Report of the Commission on Human Rights on its forty-sixth session (E/1990/22)

Report of the Secretary-General on regional arrangements for the promotion and protection of human rights in the Asian and Pacific region (A/45/ -E/1990/21)

Report of the Secretary-General on measures to be taken against Nazi, Fascist and neo-Fascist activities and all other forms of totalitarian ideologies and practices based on apartheid, racial discrimination and racism, and the systematic denial of human rights and fundamental freedoms (A/45/ -E/1990/32)

Report of the Secretary-General on the suppression of traffic in persons (E/1990/33)

Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the Ad Hoc Working Group of Experts on Southern Africa (E/1990/37)

Letter dated 22 December 1989 from the Secretary-General to the President of the Economic and Social Council transmitting the advisory opinion of the International Court of Justice on the applicability of article VI, section 22, of the Convention on the Privileges and Immunities of the United Nations (E/1990/15 and Add.1)

Documentation for information

Reports submitted by States parties to the International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights in accordance with Council resolution 1988 (LX)

Reports submitted by the specialized agencies in accordance with Council resolution 1988 (LX)

Summary records of the fourth session of the Committee on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights

Item 4. Advancement of women

26. The Council will consider the report of the Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women on its ninth session (New York, 22 January-2 February 1990), the report of the Commission on the Status of Women on the work of its thirty-fourth session (Vienna, 26 February-9 March 1990) and the report of the Board of Trustees of the International Research and Training Institute for the Advancement of Women (Santo Domingo, 12-16 February 1990).

Background

27. Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women (General Assembly resolution 34/180, annex). The Convention entered into force on 3 September 1981. The Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women was established under article 17 of the Convention for the purpose of considering the progress made in the implementation of the Convention. Under article 21 of the Convention, the Committee shall report annually on its activities to the General

Assembly through the Council and may make suggestions and general recommendations based on the examination of reports and information received from the States parties to the Convention.

28. Report of the Commission on the Status of Women. In accordance with Council resolution 1987/24 on the long-term programme of work of the Commission to the year 2000, the following three priority themes are to be considered by the Commission at its thirty-fourth session: under equality, equality in political participation and decision-making; under development, negative effects of the international economic situation on the improvement of the status of women; under peace, women in areas affected by armed conflicts, foreign intervention, alien and colonial domination, foreign occupation and threats to peace. It will be recalled that the duration of the thirty-fourth session of the Commission was extended so that the Commission may review and appraise the progress made by Governments, international organizations and non-governmental organizations in the implementation of the Nairobi Forward-looking Strategies for the Advancement of Women (Council resolution 1988/19 and Assembly resolution 43/101). Accordingly, the report of the Commission is expected to include the recommendations of the Commission on the following questions:

(a) Implementation of the Nairobi Forward-looking Strategies for the Advancement of Women. By its resolution 1989/32, the Council decided that a comprehensive report on the progress achieved and obstacles encountered in implementing the Forward-looking Strategies in the first five years should be submitted to the Commission as well as draft conclusions arising from the review and appraisal, which should include measures to overcome the obstacles that should be addressed immediately if the pace of implementation of the Strategies is to be increased;

(b) Convening of a world conference to review and appraise progress in the implementation of the Forward-looking Strategies. In its resolution 1987/20, the Council recommended that world conferences to review and appraise the progress achieved in the implementation of the Forward-looking Strategies be held during the decade of the 1990s, at a date to be determined by the General Assembly not later than 1990, and in 2000, and decided that the Commission on the Status of Women shall be designated as the preparatory body for those world conferences. In its resolution 1988/19, the Council recommended that the Commission make a recommendation to the General Assembly on the convening of such a world conference. Subsequently, the General Assembly, in its resolution 44/77, requested the Commission to consider the question of holding in 1995 a world conference on women, at the lowest costs possible, and to report on this question to the General Assembly at its forty-fifth session.

29. Report of the Board of Trustees of the International Research and Training Institute for the Advancement of Women. At its sixtieth session, in 1976, the Council decided to establish the Institute as an autonomous body under the auspices of the United Nations, funded through voluntary contributions; it also decided on guidelines for the Institute (resolution 1998 (LX)). The statute of the Board was approved by the Council and endorsed by the General Assembly (Council decision 1984/124 and Assembly resolution 39/249). The Institute functions under the authority of a Board of Trustees, which reports annually to the Council.

Documentation

Report of the Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women on its ninth session (A/45/38)

Report of the Commission on the Status of Women on its thirty-fourth session (E/1990/25)

Report of the Board of Trustees of the International Research and Training Institute for the Advancement of Women (E/1990/34)

Item 5. Social development

30. The Council will have before it a supplement to the 1989 Report on the World Social Situation.

31. The Council will consider the report of the Committee on Crime Prevention and Control on its eleventh session (Vienna, 5-16 February 1990) and take action on the recommendations contained therein.

32. The Council will also have before it the reports of the Secretary-General on the review of the functioning and programme of work of the United Nations in crime prevention and criminal justice, on the African Institute for the Prevention of Crime and the Treatment of Offenders and on capital punishment.

33. The Council will consider the proposal contained in the letter dated 1 February 1990 from the Permanent Representative of Sweden to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General (E/1990/19) concerning the question of an international convention on the rights of disabled people (decision 1990/201, para. 5).

Background

34. World social situation. At its first regular session of 1989, the Council requested the Secretary-General to submit to the General Assembly at its forty-fifth session, through the Economic and Social Council at its first regular session of 1990, an expanded version of the 1989 Report on the World Social Situation. This request was subsequently affirmed by the General Assembly in its resolution 44/56. In accordance with paragraph 2 of Council resolution 1989/72, the report will include four chapters. Chapter one will present a comprehensive overview of the general trends in the main indicators of the social situation and standards of living world wide, particularly in developing countries, giving special attention to those cases, at the national and regional levels, in which there have been negative trends and low levels of per capita income during the 1980s. The second chapter will analyse the relationship between trends in the world economy and trends in the social situation, including projections to the year 2000, with special attention to the developing countries. The third chapter will discuss the impact of structural adjustments and the external indebtedness of developing countries on the social situation. The last chapter will bring together the individual conclusions of the previous chapters dealing with specific social problems in the overall context of the world economic and social situations.

35. Committee on Crime Prevention and Control. The report of the Committee is expected to include the recommendations of the Committee on the preparations of the Eighth United Nations Congress on the Prevention of Crime and the Treatment of Offenders (Havana, 27 August-7 September 1990). In its resolution 1989/69, the Council, inter alia, decided that the theme of the Eighth Congress should be "International co-operation in crime prevention and criminal justice for the twenty-first century", approved the rules of procedure and the documentation, pending further review by the Committee, and invited the Committee at its eleventh session, to accord priority attention to the preparations for the Eighth Congress and to ensure that all necessary organizational and substantive arrangements are made in good time. The attention of the Council is drawn to General Assembly resolution 44/72 on crime prevention and criminal justice.

36. Review of the functioning and programme of work of the United Nations in crime prevention and criminal justice. In resolution 1989/68, the Council, inter alia, requested the Secretary-General to continue his efforts to improve the efficiency of the crime prevention and criminal justice programme, to ensure the full co-ordination of the relevant activities in the United Nations system and to continue making the necessary provisions for the optimal functioning of the Committee, as requested by the Council in its resolutions 1986/11 and 1989/53 and requested the Secretary-General to submit to the Council, at its first regular session of 1990, a progress report on the implementation of the resolution, paying particular attention to paragraph 4 of Council resolution 1986/11, paragraphs 3 (a) and 4 of Council resolution 1987/53 and paragraph 5 of Assembly resolution 42/59. In resolution 44/72, the General Assembly invited the Council to give priority consideration to the report of the Committee, paying attention also to the operational aspects of the crime prevention programme of work, with a view to assisting interested countries in developing self-reliant and adequate law enforcement and judicial structures through human resources development, the reinforcement of national machinery, the promotion of human rights, the organization of joint training activities and the development of pilot and demonstration projects, and urged the World Bank, the United Nations Development Programme, the Department of Technical Co-operation for Development of the Secretariat and other funding agencies to continue to provide financial support and assistance for technical co-operation activities. The report of the Secretary-General will also include a section on the implementation of Council resolution 1989/59 on the African Institute for the Prevention of Crime and the Treatment of Offenders.

37. Capital punishment. At its fifty-fourth session, the Council invited the Secretary-General to submit to it, at five-year intervals starting from 1975, periodic updated and analytical reports on capital punishment (Council resolution 1745 (LIV)). The Council will have before it the fourth quinquennial report on capital punishment, which will be one of the basic documents for the Eighth United Nations Congress on the Prevention of Crime and the Treatment of Offenders. This report complements the report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of the United Nations safeguards guaranteeing protection of the rights of those facing the death penalty, which was submitted to the Committee on Crime Prevention and Control at its tenth session in 1988 (E/AC.57/1988/9 and Corr.1 and 2). In the future, the

reports on the question of capital punishment and on the implementation of the safeguards will be combined, and one unified report will be prepared on both issues, in accordance with Council resolution 1989/64.

Documentation

Supplement to the 1989 Report on the World Social Situation (A/45/ -E/1990/35)

Report of the Committee on Crime Prevention and Control on its eleventh session (E/1990/31)

Report of the Secretary-General on the review of the functioning and programme of work of the United Nations in crime prevention and criminal justice, and on the African Institute for the Prevention of Crime and the Treatment of Offenders (E/1990/36)

Report of the Secretary-General on capital punishment (E/1990/38)

Letter dated 1 February 1990 from the Permanent Representative of Sweden to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General (E/1990/19)

Item 6. Narcotic drugs

38. The Council will consider the report of the Commission on Narcotic Drugs on its eleventh special session (Vienna, 29 January-2 February 1990) and take action on the recommendations contained therein. The summary of the report of the International Narcotics Control Board for 1989 will also be before the Council. The Council will also consider the report of the Administrative Committee on Co-ordination on the development of a United Nations system-wide action plan on drug abuse control.

Background

39. At its eleventh special session, the Commission considered further measures that might be required to facilitate the entry into force of the 1988 United Nations Convention against Illicit Traffic in Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances, urgent questions relating to the possible scheduling of substances under the provisions of the international drug control treaties, and appropriate action to improve regional co-operation in drug law enforcement and made recommendations thereon. It also reviewed the report of the International Narcotics Control Board for 1989 and an interim report from the United Nations Fund for Drug Abuse Control.

40. Pursuant to General Assembly decision 44/410, the Commission also considered the question of the enhancement of the role of the United Nations in the fight against illicit drugs and transmitted its views thereon for the benefit of the work of the Assembly at its seventeenth special session, through the Preparatory Committee for that session (E/1990/24, chap. II and annex IV). In this connection, it will be recalled that the General Assembly, by resolution 44/16, decided to hold

a special session of the Assembly to consider as a matter of urgency the question of international co-operation against illicit production, supply, demand, trafficking and distribution of narcotic drugs and psychotropic substances, with a view to expanding the scope and increasing the effectiveness of such co-operation. At its seventeenth special session, held from 20 to 23 February 1990, the General Assembly adopted the Political Declaration and the Global Programme of Action set out in resolution S-17/2. In the Political Declaration, the Assembly proclaimed the period from 1991 to 2000 the United Nations Decade against Drug Abuse, to be devoted to effective and sustained national, regional and international actions to promote the implementation of the Global Programme of Action.

41. Report of the International Narcotics Control Board. In accordance with article 15, paragraph 1, of the Single Convention on Narcotic Drugs, 1961, and article 18, paragraph 1, of the 1971 Convention on Psychotropic Substances, the Board will report to the Council, through the Commission on Narcotic Drugs, on its work for 1989.

42. United Nations Fund for Drug Abuse Control. At its first regular session of 1987, the Council decided that the Executive Director of the Fund should report regularly on the activities and programmes of the Fund to the Commission, and to the Council when the Council considered the report of the Commission (resolution 1987/32).

43. United Nations system-wide action plan on drug abuse control. The attention of the Council is drawn to General Assembly resolution 44/141 entitled "Global programme of action against illicit narcotic drugs", in which the Assembly requested the Secretary-General, in his capacity as Chairman of the Administrative Committee on Co-ordination (ACC), to co-ordinate, at the inter-agency level, the development of a United Nations system-wide action plan on drug abuse control aimed at the full implementation of all existing mandates and subsequent decisions of intergovernmental bodies throughout the system, using as a guide the Declaration and the recommendations of the International Conference on Drug Abuse and Illicit Trafficking in its Comprehensive Multidisciplinary Outline for Future Activities in Drug Abuse Control and requested ACC to present the action plan to all Member States no later than 31 March 1990, in order to permit discussion by the Committee for Programme and Co-ordination at its thirtieth session and by the Economic and Social Council at its next regular session of 1990. It also requested the executive heads of the United Nations bodies to report annually to ACC on the progress made in implementing the action plan and the Committee to include the same information in its annual report, so as to enable the Committee for Programme and Co-ordination and the Economic and Social Council to consider it, within their respective mandates, and to make appropriate reports to the General Assembly.

Documentation

Report of the Commission on Narcotic Drugs on its eleventh special session (E/1990/24)

Summary of the report of the International Narcotics Control Board for 1989 (E/1990/16)

Report of the Administrative Committee on Co-ordination on the development of a United Nations system-wide action plan on drug abuse control (E/1990/39)

Item 7. Elections, nominations and appointments

44. The Council will hold elections to the following bodies:

Commission for Social Development (E/1990/L.2)

Eleven members are to be elected from States Members of the United Nations for a four-year term, beginning on 1 January 1991, according to the following pattern:

Four members from African States;

Two members from Asian States;

One member from Eastern European States;

Two members from Latin American and Caribbean States;

Two members from Western European and other States.

Commission on Human Rights (E/1990/L.2)

Fifteen members are to be elected from States Members of the United Nations for a three-year term, beginning on 1 January 1991, according to the following pattern:

Four members from African States;

Three members from Asian States;

One member from Eastern European States;

Three members from Latin American and Caribbean States;

Four members from Western European and other States.

Commission on the Status of Women (E/1990/L.2)

Eleven members are to be elected from States Members of the United Nations for a four-year term, beginning on 1 January 1991, according to the following pattern:

Three members from African States;

Two members from Asian States;

Two members from Eastern European States;

One member from Latin American and Caribbean States;

Three members from Western European and other States.

Commission on Human Settlements (E/1990/L.3)

Twenty members are to be elected from States Members of the United Nations for a four-year term, beginning on 1 January 1991, according to the following pattern:

Six members from African States;

Four members from Asian States;

Two members from Eastern European States;

Four members from Latin American and Caribbean States;

Four members from Western European and other States.

Committee on Non-Governmental Organizations

In accordance with rule 80 of the rules of procedure of the Council, as amended by Council resolution 1981/50, 19 members are to be elected from States Members of the United Nations for a four-year term beginning on 1 January 1991, according to the following pattern:

Five members from African States;

Four members from Asian States;

Two members from Eastern European States;

Four members from Latin American and Caribbean States;

Four members from Western European and other States.

Committee on Natural Resources (E/1990/L.4)

(a) Twenty-seven members are to be elected from States Members of the United Nations for a four-year term beginning on 1 January 1991, according to the following pattern:

Six members from African States;

Six members from Asian States;

Four members from Eastern European States;

Two members from Latin American and Caribbean States;

Nine members from Western European and other States.

(b) In addition, the Council had postponed until a future session the election of (i) three members from African States for a term beginning on the date of election and expiring on 31 December 1992; (ii) five members from Asian States, two for a term beginning on the date of election and expiring on 31 December 1990 and three for a term beginning on the date of election and expiring on 31 December 1992; and (iii) seven members from Western European and other States, three for a term beginning on the date of election and expiring on 31 December 1990 and four for a term beginning on the date of election and expiring on 31 December 1992.

Commission on Transnational Corporations (E/1990/L.5)

(a) Sixteen members are to be elected from all States for a three-year term beginning on 1 January 1991, according to the following pattern:

Four members from African States;

Four members from Asian States;

Two members from Eastern European States;

Three members from Latin American and Caribbean States;

Three members from Western European and other States.

(b) In addition, the Council had postponed until a future session the election of (i) one member from African States for a term beginning on the date of election and expiring on 31 December 1991; (ii) two members from Asian States, one for a three-year term beginning on 1 January 1990 and one for a term beginning on the date of election and expiring on 31 December 1991; and (iii) one member from Latin American and Caribbean States for a three-year term beginning on 1 January 1990.

Intergovernmental Working Group of Experts on International Standards of Accounting and Reporting (E/1990/L.6)

(a) Pursuant to Council resolutions 1982/67 and 1985/71, 17 members are to be elected for a three-year term, beginning on 1 January 1991, according to the following pattern:

Five members from African States;

Three members from Asian States;

One member from Eastern European States;

Three members from Latin American and Caribbean States;

Five members from Western European and other States.

(b) In addition, the Council had postponed until a future session the election of (i) three members from African States, two for a term beginning on the date of election and expiring on 31 December 1990 and one for a term beginning on the date of election and expiring on 31 December 1991; (ii) two members from Asian States for a term beginning on the date of election and expiring on 31 December 1990; (iii) one member from Eastern European States for a term beginning on the date of election and expiring on 31 December 1991; and (iv) two members from Latin American and Caribbean States for a term beginning on the date of election and expiring on 31 December 1990.

Population Commission

The Council had postponed until a future session the election of one member from African States for a four-year term beginning on 1 January 1990.

Committee on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights

In accordance with Economic and Social Council resolution 1985/17, the Council is to elect for a four-year term, beginning on 1 January 1991, nine members who shall be experts with recognized competence in the field of human rights, serving in their personal capacity, due consideration being given to equitable geographical distribution and to the representation of different forms of social and legal systems. Fifteen seats are equally distributed among the regional groups, while the additional three seats are allocated in accordance with the increase in the total number of States parties per regional group. The names of the candidates submitted by Governments and their curricula vitae will be before the Council.

Committee on Crime Prevention and Control

Pursuant to General Assembly resolution 32/60 and Economic and Social Council resolution 1979/30, the Council is to elect 14 experts for a four-year term, beginning on 1 January 1991, according to the following pattern:

Three members from African States;

Three members from Asian States;

Two members from Eastern European States;

Three members from Latin American and Caribbean States;

Three members from Western European and other States.

The names of the candidates submitted by Governments and their curricula vitae will be before the Council.

Executive Board of the United Nations Children's Fund (E/1990/L.7)

Pursuant to General Assembly resolution 36/244, 10 members are to be elected from States Members of the United Nations or members of the specialized agencies or of the International Atomic Energy Agency for a three-year term, beginning on 1 August 1990, according to the following pattern:

Two members from African States;

Three members from Asian States;

One member from Eastern European States;

One member from Latin American and Caribbean States;

Three members from Western European and other States.

Governing Council of the United Nations Development Programme (E/1990/L.8)

Sixteen members are to be elected from States Members of the United Nations or members of the specialized agencies or of the International Atomic Energy Agency for a three-year term beginning on the first day of the organizational meeting of the Governing Council in February 1991, according to the following pattern:

Three members from African States;

Three members from Asian States and Yugoslavia;

One member from Eastern European States;

Three members from Latin American and Caribbean States;

Six members from Western European and other States.

Committee on Food Aid Policies and Programmes (E/1990/L.11)

Five members are to be elected from among States Members of the United Nations or members of the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations for a three-year term, beginning on 1 January 1991, taking into account the need for balanced representation of economically developed and developing countries and other relevant factors, such as the representation of potential participating countries, both contributing and recipient, equitable geographical distribution and the representation of both developed and developing countries having commercial interests in international trade in foodstuffs, especially those highly dependent on such trade.

Board of Trustees of the International Research and Training Institute for the Advancement of Women

In accordance with article III of the statute of the International Research and Training Institute for the Advancement of Women, the Board of Trustees consists of 11 members nominated by States and appointed by the Council with due regard to the fact that the Institute and its work are funded from voluntary contributions and to the principle of equitable geographical distribution. Members of the Board serve in their individual capacities for a term of three years and are eligible for appointment for one additional term.

The term of office of three members of the Board expires on 30 June 1990. Taking into account the existing de facto geographical balance of the Board endorsed by the Council at previous sessions, the Council is to appoint one member from African States, one member from Asian States and one member from Western European and other States for a three-year term, beginning on 1 July 1990. The names of the candidates submitted by Governments and their curricula vitae will be before the Council.

Nomination of members of the Committee for Programme and Co-ordination (E/1990/L.9)

Seven members are to be nominated by the Council, in accordance with Council resolution 2008 (LX), for election by the General Assembly at its forty-fifth session to fill the vacancies in the Committee that will occur on 31 December 1990. The term of office is three years, beginning on 1 January 1991. The vacancies are to be filled according to the following pattern:

Four members from African States;

Four members from Asian States;

Three members from Eastern European States;

Four members from Latin American and Caribbean States;

Five members from Western European and other States.

Nomination of members of the World Food Council (E/1990/L.10)

In accordance with paragraph 8 of General Assembly resolution 3348 (XXIX), the Council will be called upon to submit nominations to the Assembly at its forty-fifth session to fill the 12 vacancies that will occur in the World Food Council on 31 December 1990. On the basis of the distribution of membership in the World Food Council decided upon by the Assembly, the elections at the forty-fifth session will be held according to the following pattern:

Three members from African States;

Three members from Asian States;

One member from Eastern European States;

Two members from Latin American and Caribbean States;

Three members from Western European and other States.

Item 8. Consideration of the provisional agenda for the second regular session of 1990

45. In accordance with rule 9 of the rules of procedure of the Economic and Social Council, the Council will consider the draft provisional agenda for the second regular session of 1990, together with suggestions concerning the organization of work. The second regular session is to be held at the Palais des Nations, Geneva, from 4 to 27 July 1990.

46. At its organizational session for 1990, the Council approved, subject to rule 9, paragraph 4, of the rules of procedure, a list of items for consideration at the second regular session (decision 1990/201, para. 3); decided on the allocation of items (para. 4); and took decisions in connection with some of the items (decisions 1990/201, paras. 7-16, 1990/205 and 1990/206).

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Subparagraph (b) should read

(b) In addition, the Council had postponed until a future session the election of (i) three members from African States, two for a term beginning on the date of election and expiring on 31 December 1990 and one for a term beginning on the date of election and expiring on 31 December 1991; (ii) two members from Asian States for a term beginning on the date of election and expiring on 31 December 1990; and (iii) two members from Latin American and Caribbean States for a term beginning on the date of election and expiring on 31 December 1990.

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